

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re continuation application of: ROGER WONG, et al.

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Title of Invention: Mechanism For Reducing The Vulnerability Of High Explosive Loaded Munitions To Unplanned Thermal Stimuli.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20232

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph, on page 1, after line 1:

- - - U.S. GOVERNMENT INTEREST

The invention described herein may be made, used, or licensed by or for the U.S. Government for U.S. Government purposes.

REFERENCE TO PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of application, serial number 10/122,109 filed on 4/11/2002 by Roger Wong, et al. for Mechanism For Reducing The Vulnerability Of High Explosive Loaded Munitions To Unplanned Thermal Stimuli, which application itself claims benefit under 35 USC 119(e) of provisional application 60/282,884 filed April 10, 2001, the entire file wrapper contents of which applications are hereby incorporated by reference herein as though fully set forth at length. - - -

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 19 - 24, without prejudice.

Claims 1 – 18 are hereby reproduced, as were originally filed. There is no change in these claims.

1. An explosive loaded projectile with reduced probability of accidental detonation when subjected to an unplanned thermal stimulus, comprising:

a body having a forward end, an aft region, and an inner surface;

a fuze comprising a threaded plug and secured to the forward end of the body;

an explosive disposed within the inner surface of the body;

a fuze adapter having an inner threaded surface and an outer threaded surface;